

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A computer-implemented method comprising:
encrypting a group of original multimedia channel keys using a first ~~type of~~
encryption format to produce a first group of encrypted multimedia channel keys;
encrypting said group of original multimedia channel keys using a second ~~type~~
of encryption format to produce a second group of encrypted multimedia channel
keys; and
concurrently transmitting said first group of encrypted multimedia channel keys
with said second group of encrypted multimedia channel keys to a plurality of
multimedia subscribers having multimedia receivers, wherein said first group of
encrypted multimedia channel keys and/or said second group of encrypted
multimedia channel keys are decryptable by said multimedia receivers.

2. (original) The method as in claim 1 wherein said second type of encryption
is digital video broadcasting ("DVB") encryption.

3. (original) The method as in claim 1 further comprising:
transmitting entitlement information with said group of multimedia channel
keys encrypted using said second type of encryption, said entitlement information
indicating which of said multimedia channels a user has the right to decrypt.

4. (original) The method as in claim 3 further comprising:

decrypting said second group of encrypted multimedia channel keys at a multimedia receiver.

5. (original) The method as in claim 4 further comprising:

searching said entitlement information to determine whether said user has the right to view a particular channel selected by said user; and

decrypting said channel using one of said decrypted keys if said user has said right.

6 – 10. (canceled)

11. (currently amended) A system for processing multimedia channels comprising:

~~transmitting a computer readable medium having stored thereon original~~
decryption keys for decrypting said multimedia channels, wherein each original
decryption ~~key is~~ keys encrypted in ~~both~~ a first encryption format and a second encryption format;

said decryption keys encrypted in said first encryption format being
decryptable by a first ~~type of~~ multimedia receiver corresponding to the first encryption
format; and

said decryption keys encrypted in said second encryption format being
decryptable by a second ~~type of~~ multimedia receiver corresponding to the second
encryption format.

12. (previously presented) The system as in claim 11 wherein said second encryption format permits all of said decryption keys to be decrypted in real-time as they are received by said multimedia receiver.

13. (original) The system as in claim 12 wherein said second encryption format is digital video broadcast ("DVB") encryption.

14. (original) The system as in claim 11 further comprising:
transmitting entitlement information indicating which of said multimedia channels a user has a right to view.

15. (original) The system as in claim 14 further comprising:
said second type of multimedia receiver decrypting only those keys identified by said entitlement information.

16. (original) The system as in claim 14 further comprising:
said second type of multimedia receiver decrypting said decryption keys and using said decryption keys to decrypt multimedia channels identified by said entitlement information.

17. (original) The system as in claim 11 further comprising:

said second type of multimedia receiver decrypting one or more of said keys and using said one or more keys to decrypt one or more multimedia channels; and

said second type of multimedia receiver re-encrypting said multimedia channels using an alternative encryption format.

18. (previously presented) The system as in claim 17 wherein said alternative encryption format is digital video broadcast ("DVB") encryption.

19. (previously presented) The system as in claim 17 further comprising:
storing said multimedia channels in said alternative encryption format on a mass storage device.

20. (previously presented) The system as in claim 19 further comprising:
decrypting and playing back one or more of said multimedia channels from said mass storage device responsive to a user request to play back said one or more of said multimedia channels.